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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Miroslav TRESKY : Attn: BOX PCT  
Serial No. NEW : Docket No. 2001\_0737A  
Filed June 29, 2001 :

HAND TOOL FOR THE ASSEMBLY OF SMALL,  
NOTABLY ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS  
[Corresponding to PCT/CH99/00614  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified new PCT application, kindly  
amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 6, 9 and 11 as follows:

6.(Amended) Hand tool according to claim 1, with a flexible link (15),  
extending between the shaft (10) and the control device (5), of the electropneumatic link  
(14) between the vacuum tool (13) and the control device, characterised in that the flexible  
link (15) comprises an external tube (66) made of electrically-conductive material which  
discharges the electrostatic charge.

ATTACHMENT E